

Primary source for  
the development  
of cities:



1. George Alfred Townsend created the source to inform people how Washington DC was established.
2. The recorder had firsthand knowledge of the event.
3. The recorder was a neutral party.
4. The recorder produced the source for a large audience.
5. The source was meant to be public.
6. The recorder wanted to inform others.
7. The information was recorded 83 years after the event occurred.

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